

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**HELP KEEP US SAFE** As you are walking around the building or leaving the church, be sure all unnecessary lights are turned off and doors are locked. If you are in the sanctuary be sure the lights are turned all the way over until they "click". We have had several lights left on and doors left unlocked overnight recently.

**NO KIDS' CHURCH THIS MORNING** We want children to be able to celebrate along with their parents and church family this morning so we will not have Kids' Church today. It will resume its normal schedule next Sunday.

**NO EVENING MINISTRIES THIS EVENING** We will not have Refuge for teens, AWANAS, choir for kids or any other evening ministries tonight, (4/29). We have canceled this evening so leaders and workers are free to enjoy the luncheon today and get some rest after our weekend of ministry and celebrating. Ministries will meet next Sunday at regular time.

**STOCK THE PANTRY** Refuge Students – help us STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY at Rolesville Middle School! We have partnered with their school to help them care for students and families in their school in need by offering to help them stock their food pantry. Some requested items: Cereal, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), fruit snacks, granola bars, pastas, sauces, canned veggies, pots and pans. Bring items by May 6 to the Lounge or Pastor Christian's office.

**PASTOR PHIL AND MRS. PEGGY FAREWELL AND APPRECIATION LUNCH** Today is Pastor Phil's final Sunday before entering semi-retirement, after Pastoring Bethany for 24+ years! We will celebrate together after the service and have a meal together. Everyone is welcome! Stick around and let's celebrate together!

**MAY SENIOR OUTING** It's a Mystery Trip! Where are we heading? Tuesday May 15, leaving at 8:15am. You will need money for lunch and tickets. Should be back by 2:30pm. Sign up by the church office. Deadline to register: May 9!

**PAGE AND SADIE PERRY SCHOLARSHIP** Seniors who are members active in the life and ministries of Bethany, graduating high school and continuing their studies this fall at a collegiate institution may apply to be considered for a one-time scholarship! For info and to apply, see Mrs. Serena to get a packet. **Application deadline is Sunday, May 6.**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is Sunday, June 3 during the AM Worship Service. Graduate candidates who wish to participate must have graduated (high school, college, grad school, etc.) in December 2017 or anticipate graduating in May/June. Those who plan to be recognized in the service must pick up a Graduate Information Sheet at the Connection Center (or complete it online: <https://goo.gl/skDauI>). Deadline to submit completed sheets is SUNDAY, MAY 20. Submit online, or hard copies to Connection Center, Mrs. Serena or Pastor Christian.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### HELP NEEDED IN TWO KEY MINISTRIES: \*IMMEDIATE NEED\*

**WEB TEAM:** Looking for individuals with design experience/willing to learn. Interest or info, contact Drew: 919-495-7790

**SUNDAY AM TECH TEAM:** Setting up + running presentation software. Will train. Interest or info, see Pastor Christian or Connor Bonham.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Mark your calendars for Aug 5-9 as we host Vacation Bible School at Bethany! This year's theme: VICTORY from the GO FISH Guys! Needed positions and details are posted by the church office. Mark your calendars and get ready for an awesome week! If you have questions in the meantime see Mark or Jessica Smith.

## THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

### Sunday, April 29, 2018

9:00 am Breakfast (Free! In the Family Life Center)  
 9:30 am Morning Assembly (Family Life Center)  
 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups (All Ages)  
 10:45 am Morning Worship Service  
 5:30 pm Cherub (3½ thru K) and Junior (grades 1-6) Choirs  
 6:00 pm KIDS: AWANA (ages 2 thru grade 5)  
 6:00 pm TEENS: Refuge (grades 6-12)

### Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**GIVING FROM APRIL 15**  
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**TITHE:** \$4,442.93  
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APRIL 29, 2018



And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: <sup>2</sup>Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. <sup>3</sup>Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. <sup>4</sup>And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:1-5, NLT)

### To Our Pastor –

We say "Thank you!"

Thank you for loving us, leading us, praying for us, fighting for us, caring for us, protecting us, and challenging us – just like a Shepherd is called to do. We are grateful for your 24+ years with us and are a stronger church because of your leadership.  
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# WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP IN SONG

**Chain Breaker**  
**Trust in You**

**Offertory Prayer**

*The Prayer*  
(Clyde and Serena Pearce)

Adult Choir  
**How Great Thou Art**

**Morning Scripture and Prayer**

(Assoc. Pastor Christian Bonham)

WORSHIP IN SONG

**Victory in Jesus / Because He Lives**

**Special Video Presentation**

*We Are Bethany – 24 Years of Ministry Together*

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Pastor Nicholas Muteti – Forestville Baptist Church  
Pastor Jonathan Sui Cei – Raleigh Chin Baptist Church  
Shane Ballard – Chairman of the Deacons (Bethany)  
Associate Pastor Christian Bonham – Bethany Baptist Church  
Serena Pearce – Director of Music Ministries (Bethany)

CLOSING WORDS

**Senior Pastor Phillip Brantley and Peggy Brantley**

**End of Service**

# WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad you are here this morning! As His church, we exist to see individuals and families **ENCOUNTER God** and see that He is good, **EQUIP People** to grow in faith and because we believe God planted us in Raleigh for His purpose we want to intentionally **ENGAGE Our City**. Enjoy your time with us this morning and we hope to see you again.

## FIRST TIME VISITING WITH US?

Visitor Cards are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you. You can find one marked "Welcome to Bethany" in front of you on the back of the pew. Complete the card and **put it in the offering plate** as it comes around, or feel free to **bring it by our Connection Center** in the Foyer so we can meet you!

[ WE ARE BETHANY ]

## WORSHIP IN COMMUNITY

Worshiping together through song, Scripture and prayer are both corporate and private acts. Feel free during these moments to worship as you feel led. Standing, kneeling and sitting are all appropriate forms of worship and are all welcome. Should you need to sit for health reasons, please feel free to do so.

## SMALL GROUPS MATTER

Jesus had 12 close friends with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe authentic relationships are the best context to grow in faith and understanding of Jesus. To learn more about finding a Small Group for you or a member of your family complete a Visitor Card or stop by our Connection Center. Small Groups meet here at Bethany Sundays at 9:45am.

## NURSERY

We have a free nursery available during our Small Groups and Worship Service. It is open to children ages infant thru 3 years and is located in the Education Wing.



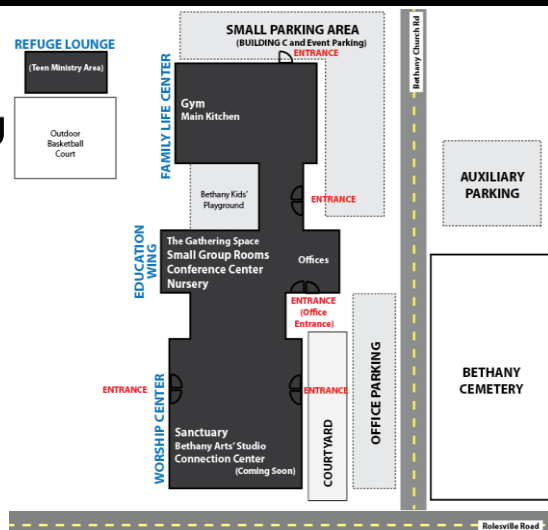
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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**2nd Sunday – April 8**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Paula Perry & Clyde Williford  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Allen Moody, Mike Strickland & Lee Perry

**3rd Sunday – April 15**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Randy Denton & Rhonda Richardson  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Jimmy Brown., Randy Jones & Carl Ray, Sr.

**4th Sunday – April 22**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Wendy Smith & Moryah Geib  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Jimmy Hamlet, James Duncan & Doug Watson

**5th Sunday – April 29**

**Counting Committee** - Jo Tidwell, Debbie Barbour & Carol Puryear  
**Ushers** - George Puryear, Jimmy Brown., Randy Jones & Carl Ray, Sr.

